

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy)
Portfolio Status Report for 2014 of) Case No. 15-666-EL-ACP
CenStar Energy Corp.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) CenStar Energy Corp (CenStar) is an electric services company as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(9) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4928.64(B)(2) establishes benchmarks for electric services companies to acquire a portion of their electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. R.C. 4928.645 provides that an electric utility or electric services company may use renewable energy credits (RECs) and solar energy credits (SRECs) to meet its respective renewable energy and solar benchmarks. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-01(BB) defines a REC as the environmental attributes associated with one megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity generated by a renewable energy resource, except for electricity generated by facilities as described in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(E).
- (3) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-05(A) requires each electric services company to annually file by April 15 an alternative energy portfolio status report (AEPS report), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The AEPS report must analyze all activities the company undertook in the previous year in order to demonstrate how pertinent alternative energy portfolio benchmarks have been met. Staff then conducts an annual compliance review of the company's filing and the records of the applicable attribute tracking system to ensure that RECs were sourced from generating facilities certified by the Commission and were appropriately associated with electricity generated for the compliance period.

- (4) On April 14, 2015, CenStar filed its 2014 AEPS report stating that it starting serving retail customers in 2013, and proposes to use a compliance baseline of 1,100 MWh, which reflects its actual Ohio retail sales for 2013. CenStar then avers that it satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations through the purchase of RECs and SRECs.
- (5) On September 11, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for CenStar's AEPS report. Staff reports that CenStar is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2014. Staff reports that CenStar accurately calculated its 2014 AEPS solar compliance requirement. Staff reviewed the Company's REC account records to verify compliance, and determined that the Company has retired more RECs and S-RECs than was necessary to satisfy its 2014 RPS compliance obligations. Staff recommends that CenStar coordinate with Staff to adjust the quantity of RECs for 2014 compliance to match the Company's obligations. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, the Company initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its REC tracking account between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (6) Upon review of CenStar's AEPS report and the record in this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that the CenStar's 2014 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that CenStar has met its compliance obligations for 2014. Further, CenStar is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

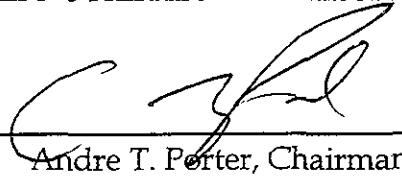
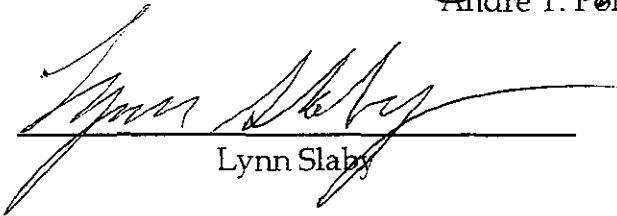

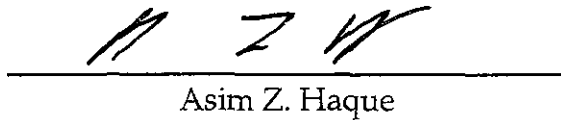
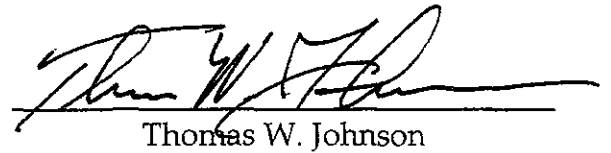
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That CenStar's 2014 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as CenStar has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2014. It is, further,

ORDERED, That CenStar comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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